



## RUSD Headline News Wednesday, February 3, 2021

### A Message from Superintendent, Dr. Nancy Lynch

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week I am sharing some updated resources for your reference as we are now in the Purple Tier 1 designation in Marin county pertaining to the COVID-19 level. Please find the link to the new Tier 1 decision tree [here](#).

#### **Student tests positive for COVID-19:**

We were informed today that a Del Mar student has tested positive for COVID-19. Families of children in the cohort have been notified and children have been sent home to begin distance learning while in their quarantine period. This is only the 3<sup>rd</sup> case this year where we have needed to close a cohort due to a positive case. We are well prepared when this occurs and follow all of our protocols and procedures that are required by Public Health.

#### **Updated Public Health Documents:**

When Marin Public Health modifies its guidance and changes their public documents, we update those documents on our District website under the COVID tab. Here are some recent documents that are important to families as they guide our practices and procedures at school.

- [Tier 1 Decision Tree](#), that provides direction to families and staff about when to stay home from school/work. This document informs the questions that are asked on the Actionaly daily health screening
- [Quarantine Guidance](#) if you or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive
- [Family Handbook for COVID-19](#)
- Marin County In-Person Learning [Data](#) provides information on how school campuses have opened across the county

#### **Cal OSHA and CA Department of Public Health Prevention Plan Requirements:**

By February 1<sup>st</sup> all public and private school districts were required to post the newly mandated documents (linked) on their websites. The California

Department of [Public Health plan](#) requirements mirror the protocols of Marin County to allow school campuses to reopen. Cal OSHA required that districts attach the new Public Health plan as an attachment to the [Illness and Injury Protection Plan](#) of the district.

### **Middle School Science Materials:**

Del Mar science teachers have been piloting several curricular programs over the past 2 years to determine which program meets our expectations in a number of areas including but not limited to rigor, coverage of required content, usability and meeting the District's expectations for equity. After considering multiple programs, the Del Mar team is recommending the Savvas Science Program (previously Pearson). This curriculum will be available for public review and comment through March 2, 2021. Materials can be reviewed in person at the RUSD District Office from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday through Friday (on days when school is in session) or you may contact Paul Devoto at [pdevoto@reedschools.org](mailto:pdevoto@reedschools.org) to review the program online with unique RUSD log in information.

### **Not Returning in 2021-22?**

As we prepare staffing, scheduling and curriculum needs for an upcoming school year it is important that we have a projected enrollment count by grade which is as accurate as possible.

If your children are **NOT** returning to RUSD during the 2021-2022 school year, please take a minute to complete this [brief survey](#) by end of day tomorrow, Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup>, which will allow us to make sure they are not included in the RUSD enrollment numbers for the upcoming year. We are aware that some of you have already conveyed this information directly to schools or to the District Office, but I would appreciate you taking a moment to answer these brief questions again to make sure that we have your information.

### **Superintendent Search Update – Online Survey Available NOW**

The Board of Trustees has engaged Leadership Associates, an executive search firm, to assist in finding the next RUSD Superintendent and would like your input regarding the desired personal and professional qualities of the incoming superintendent.

An anonymous online survey is available now through Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> so you can provide your inputs directly to the search consultants. Your comments will be used in the development of the candidate profile, recruitment process, and reference checking. The consultants will also compile a summary of all comments received and share the report with the Board and with the new superintendent. You can find the online survey [here](#).

You may also get information on the search process, search timeline, a Q & A document, and updates on the progress of the search anytime by going to the Superintendent Search page of the district website [here](#).

### **Equity Resources for Families:**

February marks the beginning of Black History Month. It is important that we recognize that Black History is American History. We need to work together to ensure that we use source documents that represent African American voices through history to ensure we have multiple perspectives presented to learn about the history of our country and the world.

You are invited to [join a webinar](#) hosted by New York Times bestselling author/illustrator Jerry Craft on February 11, 2021 - "Changing the World One Word at a Time" National Read-Aloud series.

Warm regards,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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